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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017
(*Item 3 (b)*)

Programme 27
Jointly financed activities

1. At its 8th and 11th meetings, on 5 and 6 June 2014, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 27, Jointly financed activities, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (A/69/6 (Prog. 27)).

2. The representatives of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the overall orientation of the programme and its constituent components. The importance of the programme's role with regard to the coordination and coherence of activities within the United Nations system was stressed.

4. Clarification was sought with regard to the interaction and coordination between the various bodies responsible for each component of the programme.

5. Regarding component A, the International Civil Service Commission, some delegations pointed out the shift in emphasis under the strategy from the maintenance of coherent and effective human resources management to the outcome of the comprehensive review of the common system compensation package.

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6. Questions were raised regarding the status of the comprehensive review and whether the implementation of the outcome of the review had been reflected in the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of the secretariat of the Commission.

7. Clarification was sought on the potential impact of the mobility framework approved by the General Assembly on the work of the Commission and the references to the development of innovative approaches in the field of human resources management.

8. Clarification was sought on the indicator of achievement relating to an improved methodology for cost-of-living measurements and whether that related to improvements in the data or in the methodology for collecting the data.

9. Regarding component B, the Joint Inspection Unit, questions were raised on the deletion of the reference to coordination activities and the interaction of the Unit with other oversight bodies under the strategy.

10. The view was expressed that indicator of achievement (b) could be refined to include the number of participating organizations that had commented on and responded to the reports and recommendations of the Unit. It was pointed out that indicators of achievement could strive for specific increases, using the previous period as a benchmark.

11. Clarification was sought regarding the level of coordination with the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) and the role of CEB with regard to system-wide evaluations.

12. Questions were raised on the new approach in relation to the programme of work vis-à-vis the past biennium. The lack of reports by the Unit submitted for consideration by the Committee during its deliberations was noted by some delegations.

13. Some delegations emphasized the importance of the web-based follow-up system. Clarification was sought on the tool, in particular in respect of the acceptance and implementation rates of Unit recommendations by participating organizations. In the light of the challenges surrounding awareness of Unit reports and recommendations, it was suggested that outreach campaigns could be undertaken.

14. Regarding component C, CEB, questions were raised regarding the identification of high-priority global challenges in the overall orientation, which might not entirely reflect the view of Member States. Concern was raised regarding the inclusion of work on supporting the mainstreaming of youth perspectives in the policies and programmes of the system. In particular, clarification was sought regarding the specific mandates requesting such mainstreaming.

15. The view was expressed that the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement should be placed in the context of the mandates of intergovernmental bodies to reflect that the work of CEB was guided by those mandates.

16. The importance of the coordinating role of CEB was emphasized. The view was expressed that greater cooperation between CEB and other oversight bodies could be achieved. In particular, clarification was sought on the extent to which the Joint Inspection Unit was able to participate in thematic meetings and discussions of

CEB. Concern was expressed regarding the apparent brevity with which Unit reports were reviewed by United Nations system organizations and clarification sought as to a mechanism that would ensure detailed consideration of those reports.

Conclusions and recommendations

17. **The Committee noted the importance of the work of the International Civil Service Commission, including the review of common system staff compensation.**

18. **The Committee took note with appreciation of the intention of the Joint Inspection Unit to develop a more strategic approach to the selection of issues for its programme of work.**

19. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 27, Jointly financed activities, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017, subject to the following modifications:**

C. United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

Overall orientation

Paragraph 27.13

At the end of the second sentence, add "on the basis of the decisions adopted by Member States".

Paragraph 27.14

In the third sentence, after "rule of law", insert "at the national and international levels".

Paragraph 27.16

In the first sentence, after "effective support", add ", in full compliance with the decision adopted by Member States,".

Indicators of achievement

At the end of indicator of achievement (a) (i), insert "and the decisions of intergovernmental bodies".